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Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

- 1. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a);
- 2. Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) in the amount of \$450.00 to cover the two month extension of time fee;
- 3. Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111;
- 4. Declaration Under 37 C.F.R § 1.132 of En Li, Ph.D., with Exhibits A-D attached;
- 5. Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132 of Kenneth D. Bloch, M.D., with Exhibits A-C attached; and
- 6. Return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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